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Seiichiro FUJIOKA, et al.

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For: COLD CATHODE LAMP AND ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENT USING COLD CATHODE LAMP

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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1. United States Patent No. 4,815,936, issued March 28, 1989.
2. Chinese Patent Application Publication No. 1254938, published May 31, 2000.
3. Chinese Patent Application Publication No. 1267898, published September 27, 2000.
4. Chinese Patent Application Publication No. 2476042, published February 6, 2002.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the U.S. patent.

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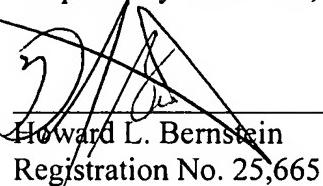
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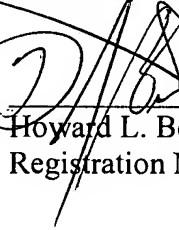
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